MEAN SUBMARINE

by Herbie Meyer

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AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION

HI MY NAME IS HERBIE MEYER. I'M A KID AND I'M 5. I LIVE IN A BIG RED MILL IN HOWARD AND I LIKE TO PLAY. THE THINGS I LIKE TO PLAY AT MY HOUSE ARE LEGOS, SUPERHEROS, READ BOOKS, LINCOLN LOGS AND WATER GUNS. I LIKE TO PLAY BOARD GAMES BETTER THAN CARD GAMES. ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO IS MAKE ART SO THAT'S WHY I WANT TO MAKE A ZINE. I'M DOING A ZINE BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE FUN.

AND ONE MORE THING I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT MY ZINE WILL COST $1. OR IT COSTS $2 IN THE MAIL. I HOPE YOU LIKE READING MY ZINE.

Editor's Introduction

I started publishing my zine, *28 Pages Lovingly Bound with Twine*, before my son Herbie was a year old, so for as long as he can remember I've been making zines. Usually my projects are set up on the kitchen table for months at a time, getting in everyone's way. Before he was even 2 years old he would pick up my baren, linoleum block and brayer* and "play" making zines. Also around 2, when his language skills were still very limited, I recall us walking through the hardware section of a store when he pointed at the shelf excitedly and yelled "Twine! Twine!" I'm a proud papa.

It was inevitable that Herbie would one day make a zine. Even though he's only 5 years old now, I'm kind of surprised that it didn't happen even sooner since he's been asking to make his own zine for some time now. Herbie can only spell a few dozen words and has barely legible handwriting so he obviously needed a little help putting *Mean Zine Submarine* together. I selected the contents from his prolific output, took dictation, and laid it out for him. The linoleum print on the front cover was carved by me**, but I used Herbie's drawing as source material.
If you enjoy this zine, watch for our next collaborative work: a mini comic entitled *Melty Molly Popsicle.*

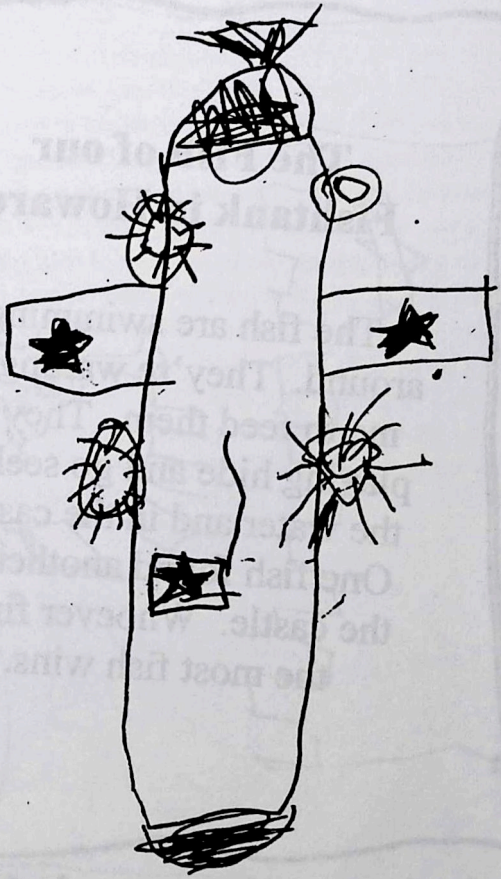
* printmaking tools I use to make linoprints for zines
** No, I didn't let him use my razor-sharp cutting tools

Fishy with a Book

One day a fish read a book about Captain Hook. But it was a flower book too (but with Captain Hook in it). Until an anchor came down and hooked up the book. It was Captain Hook. (I think he wants to read the book.)

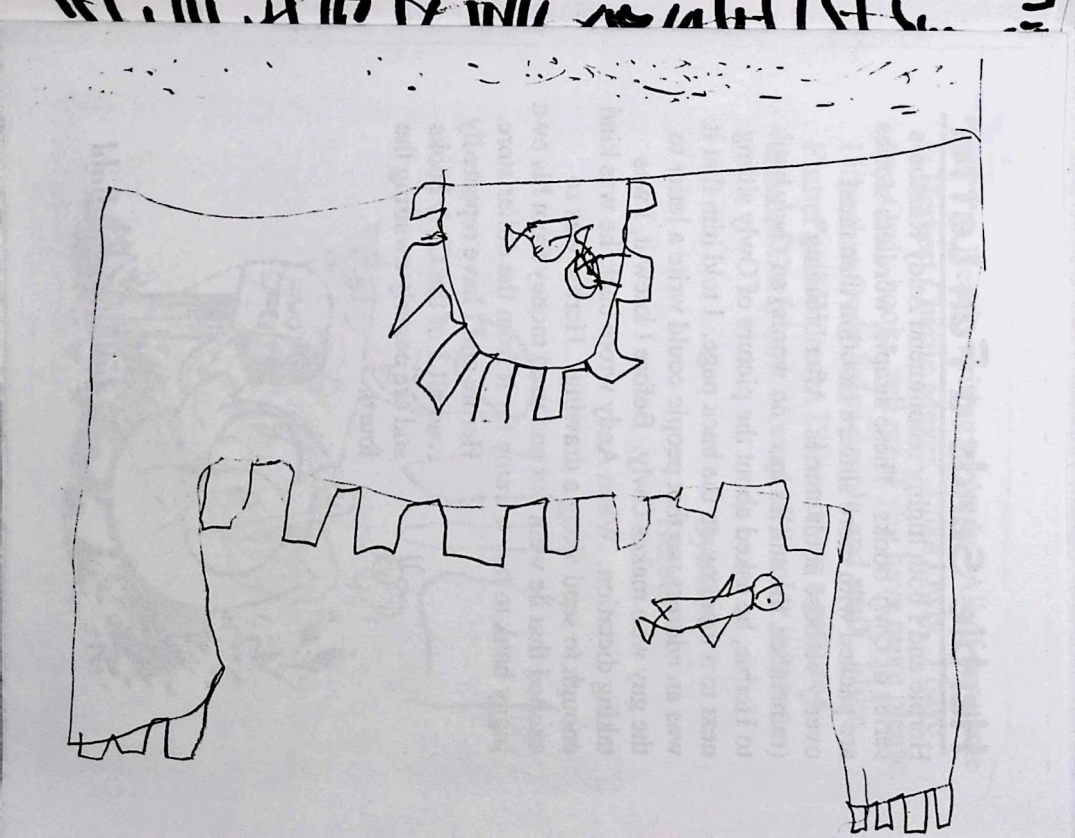
The Airplane for California

This is an airplane. The little thing sticking on the top is a flag and the little triangle is on the back. The triangle directions the airplane into which way it's going. It's flying to California and it's cargo is going to be loaded into a truck. It's cargo is apples, pears, vanilla milk and bananas. The truck will take it all to The Fruit and Liquid Store.



The Fish of our Fishtank in Howard

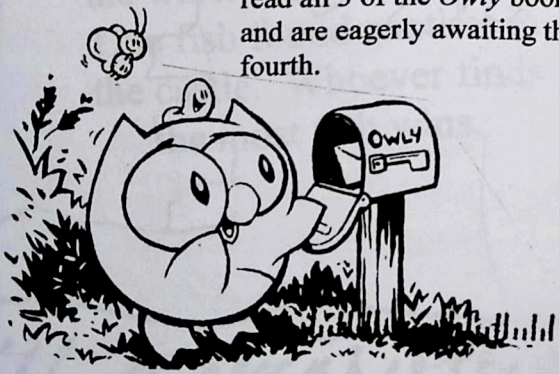
The fish are swimming around. They're waiting for me to feed them. They're playing hide and go seek in the water and in the castle. One fish found another in the castle. Whoever finds the most fish wins.



Herbie Sends a Fan Letter

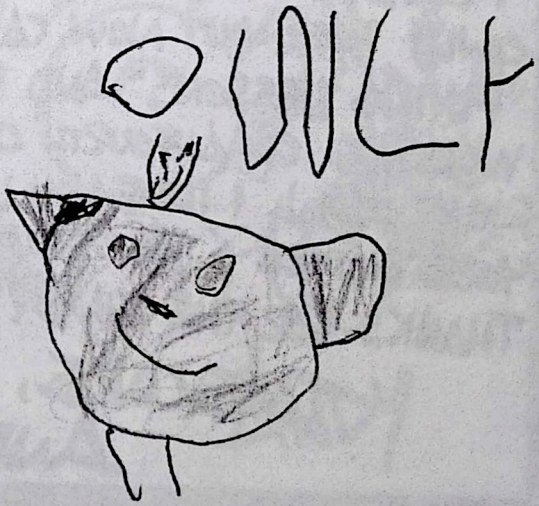
Herbie and I both highly recommend Andy Runton's series of *Owly* books. These simple, wordless stories are packed with more sincere emotion than most overly verbose adult stories. After "reading" (remember, the stories have no words) an *Owly* book to Herbie, he asked about the picture of Owly sitting next to a mailbox on the back page. I told him that it was an address, so that people could write a letter to the guy who makes Owly. Before I knew it, I was taking dictation. When Andy wrote back, he was kind enough to send along a drawing. Herbie was so excited that he went out and used money from his own piggy bank to buy a frame for it from the dollar store.

Herbie and I have repeatedly read all 3 of the *Owly* books and are eagerly awaiting the fourth.



Hi, I'm Herbie writing to Andy. All of my name is Herbert Charlie Meyer. I like Owly. I have two Owly books, tell me if you have more please. I like that Owly helps people and stuff. I like Flutter and Wormy. I'll send you a picture I drew of Owly and Wormy. I'll color it in too.

Bye Bye,
Herbie



HEY HERBIE!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LETTER + YOUR AMAZING DRAWING! I LOVE IT! I HAVE A THIRD OWLY BOOK OUT NOW CALLED "FLYING LESSONS" AND I'M WORKING ON A FOURTH ONE RIGHT NOW. I HOPE YOU LIKE YOUR PICTURE + TELL YOUR DAD THANKS FOR THE ZINE! ("

TAKE CARE,
ANDY

FOR HERBIE!
-ANDY

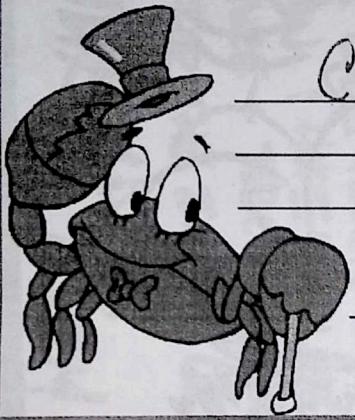
HATS OFF TO YOU!

AWARDED TO

Herbie Meyer

FOR

Crazy Hat Day



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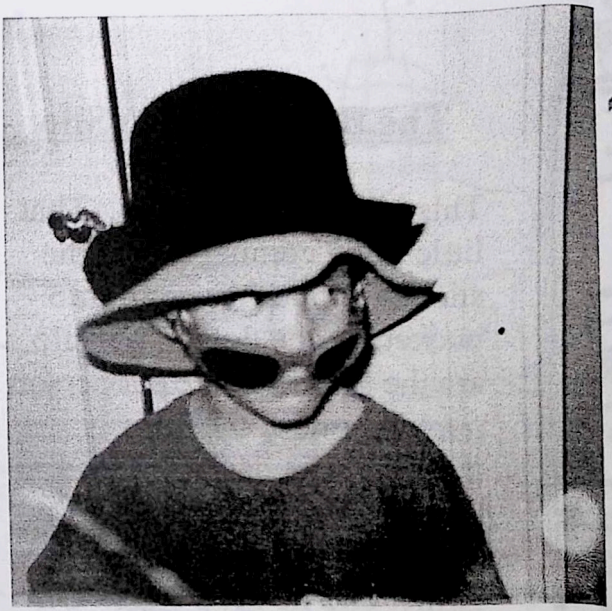
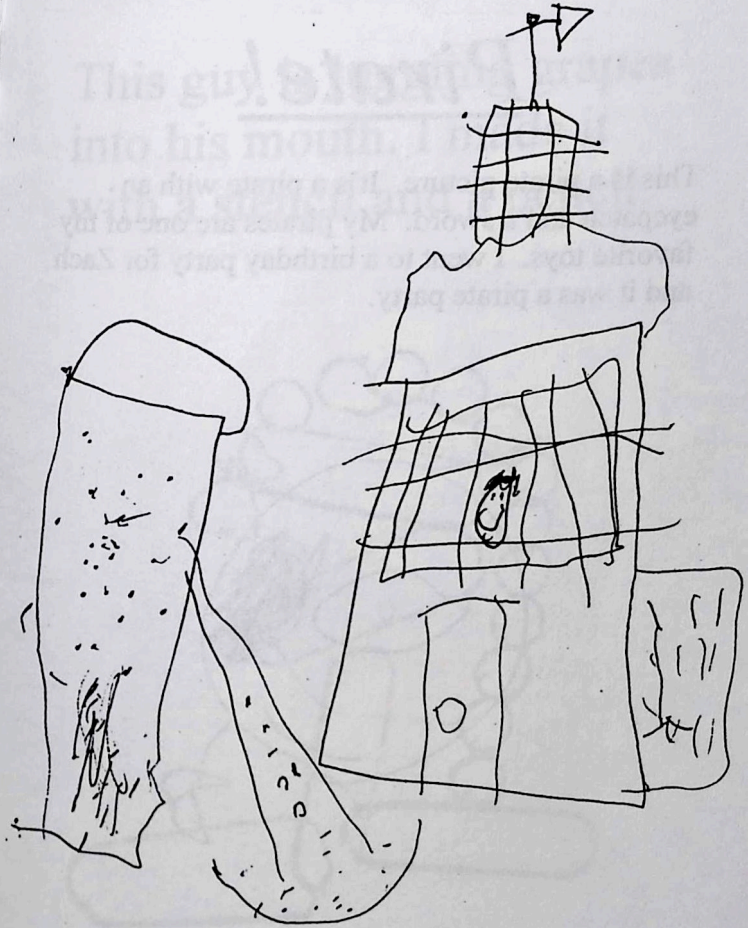


This is a picture of me. I won hat day. It was a contest in the last week of school. It had to be crazy too. Goodbye.

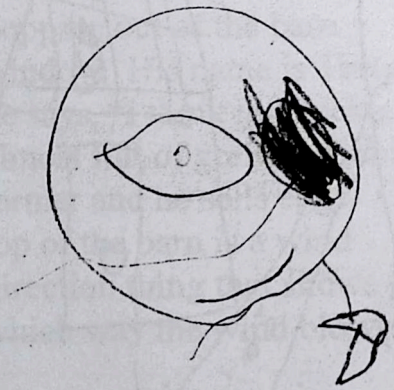
The Barn and the Silo

This is a barn and a silo. That little thing coming out of the silo is for pouring grain into buckets. The dots in the silo are the grain. There's a person popping out of the barn window. His name is Tim and he says, "I think the bucket's almost full of grain." Tim is a farmer and he sells eggs. On top of the barn is a wind direction thing that shows which way the wind blows.

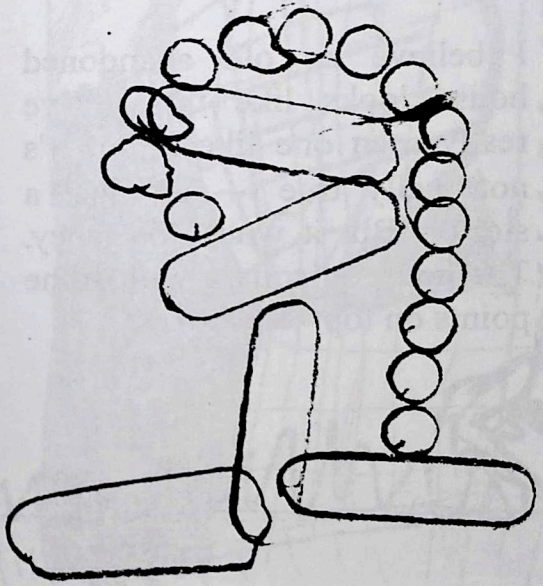


Pirate!

This is a pirate picture. It's a pirate with an eyepatch and a sword. My pirates are one of my favorite toys. I went to a birthday party for Zach and it was a pirate party.

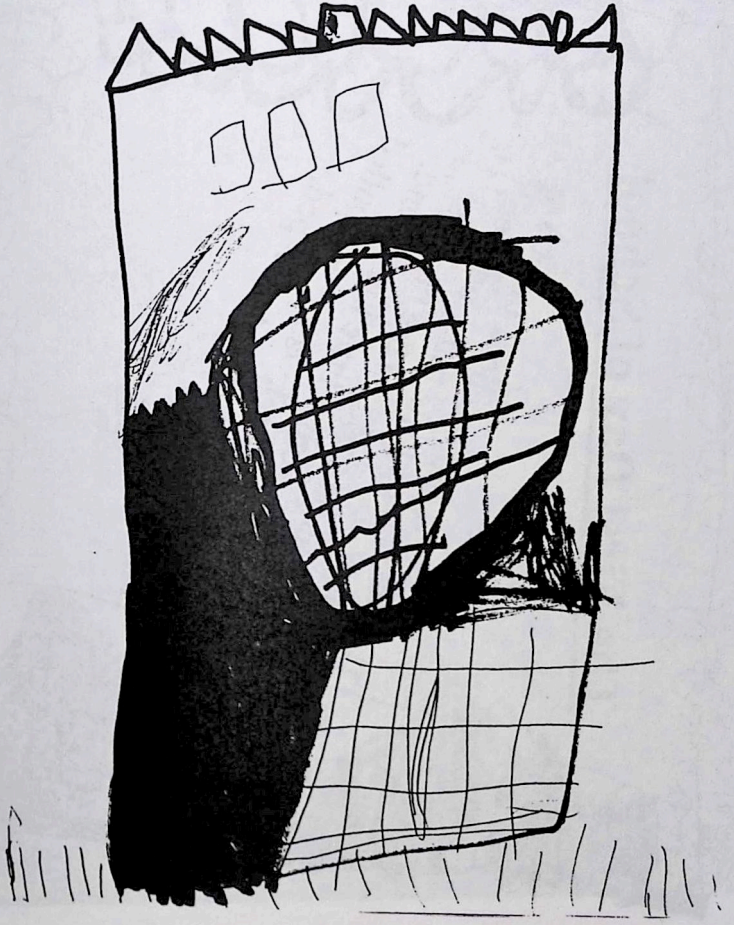


This guy is juggling grapes into his mouth. I made it with a stencil and a pencil.



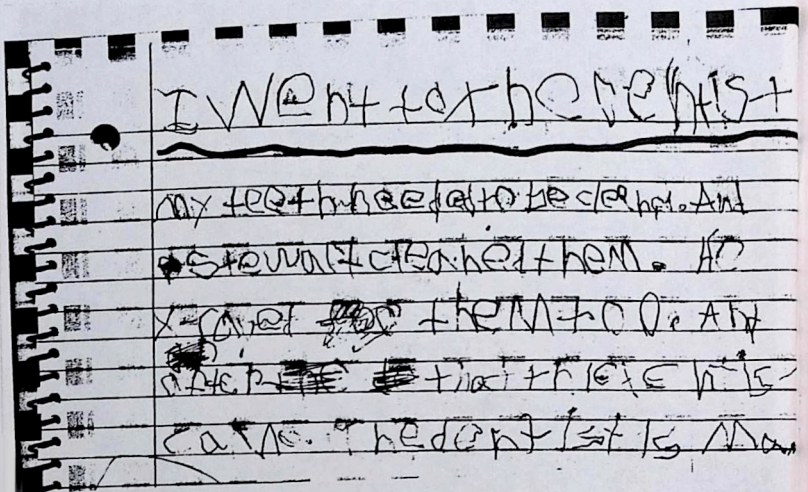
The Old Abandoned House By The Edge of The Sea

I believe an old abandoned house looks like this. I've really seen one like it but it's not really true — it's just a story. But it would be fancy. The house is square with some points on top.



The First Day of School

The time I went to school I met a kid there. The little thing on the branch is an owl and the hand is holding the other little kid's hand. He was 6 when I was 5. He pulled my sweater. I jerked, I leaped.



I Went to the Dentist

My teeth needed to be cleaned. And Stewart cleaned them. He X-rayed them too. And after that the dentist came. The dentist is Mama.

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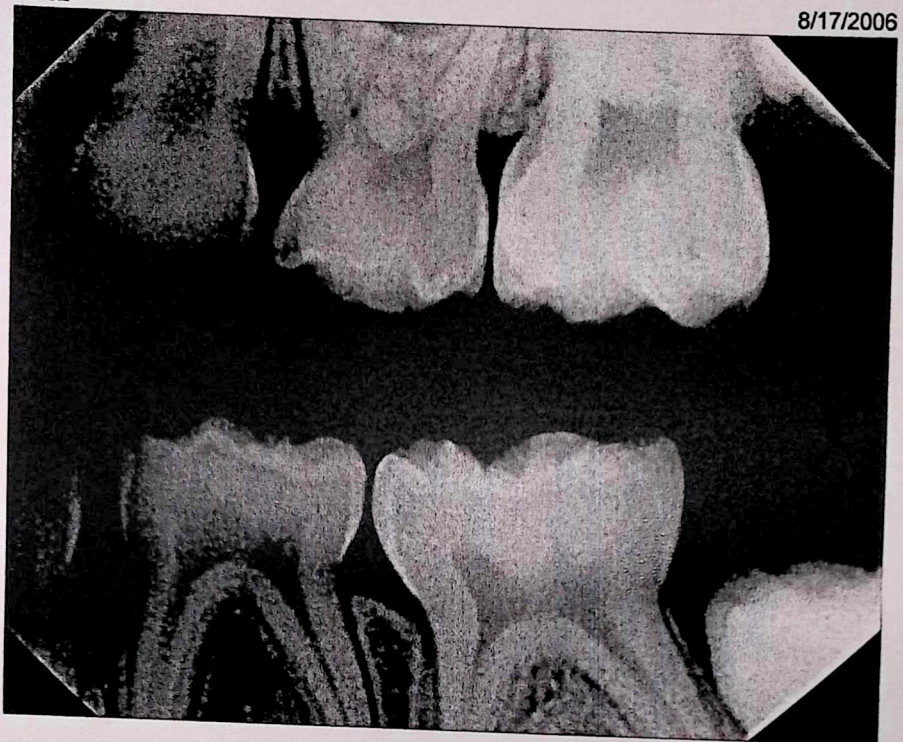

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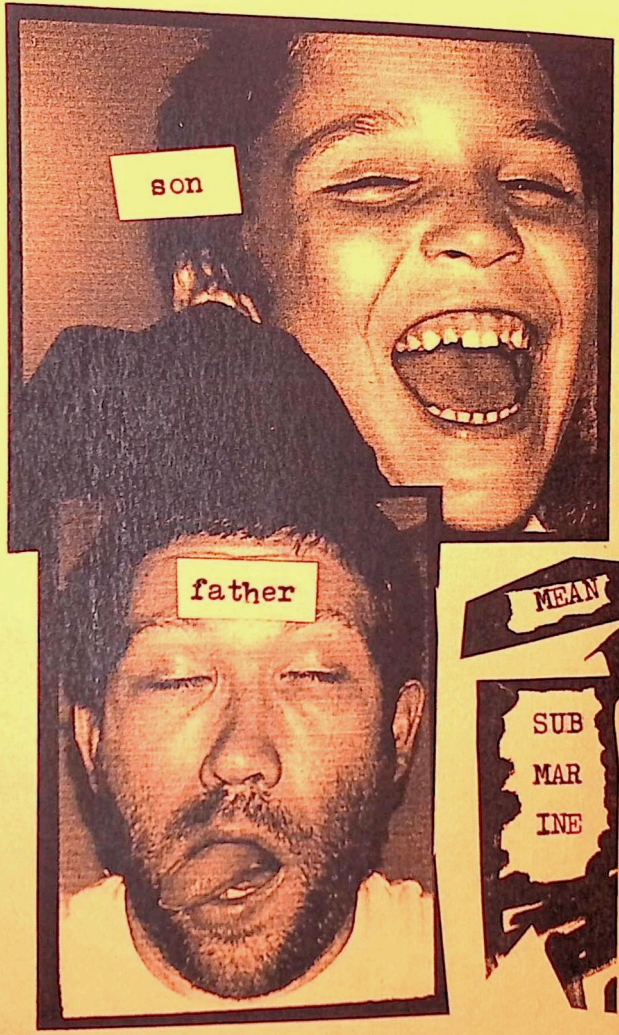
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